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Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Vatican lists new sins, including pollution



'Surprise witness' surprises Lacson

₱1.227-trillion nat'l budget signed into law

By Christian V. Esguerra

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Man who knows nothing also surprised

San Miguel told, 'You have been lying all day'

SEN. PANFILO LACSON was left red-faced after his much-ballyhooed surprise witness yesterday denied any knowledge of kickbacks in the $329-million broadband deal with China, specifically the $41 million in advances allegedly given to the "Greedy Group plus plus."

Oil price hits record $109.20 a barrel

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'Tongpats' is right up there with 'bukol,' 'may 200 ka'



Grade-school experiment made him scientist for life

By Tessa R. Salazar



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MILF vows to pursue peace

But Moro rebs worry about delays, doubt gov't sincerity

CAMP PALESTINE, Lanao Del Sur—The largest Muslim rebel group in the Philippines will not turn its back on a peace process with the government, its leader said yesterday, after a three-day meeting of thousands of its members.

Al Haj Ebrahim Murad, head of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), said the group would abide by the peace process despite doubts raised by a number of field commanders on the government's sincerity.

Murad, who led the meeting in the interior of Butig, Lanao del Sur, said delays in peace talks, particularly on a deal on the setting up of an ancestral homeland for 3 million Muslims in the south, was causing anxiety in the MILF.

The government appeared distracted by allegations of corruption that have been leveled against President Macapagal-Arroyo, he said.

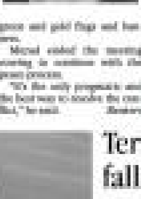
"What's happening in Manila is everybody's concern," Murad told reporters before he addressed a crowd of 10,000 armed rebels and civilian supporters at the Camp Palestine guerrilla base near Butig.

His speech, delivered in the native Maguindanao dialect, was interrupted several times by shouts of "Allahu Akbar" (God is great).

"Although the MILF considers the political crisis in Manila as an internal problem of the government, we're equally concerned on the potential impact on the peace process. It could distract the government and further delay the talks."



WELL-ARMED Moro rebels during the MILF gathering in Butig, Lanao del Sur. MILF chief Murad (right) says the MILF continues to pursue peace despite doubts over the government's sincerity. REUTERS



The peace talks, brokered by the Malaysian government, stalled in December 2007 when the MILF accused the government of changing a number of consensus points in a proposed agreement on Muslim homeland in the south.

The rebels questioned the sincerity of the government in resolving the nearly 40 years of conflict that has killed 120,000 people and displaced 2 million others.

Analysts say further delays in the resumption of negotiations could increase the risk of fighting breaking out between hardline rebel field commanders and security forces, destroying more than four years of ceasefire.

But Murad dismissed as propaganda reports in the media that his leadership was being challenged by younger rebel leaders who were getting impatient with delays in the talks.

"The MILF is solid as ever," he said, adding the organization has grown into 20 divisions of 7,000 to 10,000 fighters each with tens of thousands in Muslim communities forming its mass base. The government, however, says the MILF has only about 11,000 fighters.

About 3,000 rebels, armed with heavy .50 caliber machine guns, mortars, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, assault rifles and rockets had gathered for the meeting in a cornfield at the foot of thickly forested mountains in Lanao del Sur province.

Some of the combatants were women dressed in black head-to-toe dresses and veils, blending with rebels in combat uniforms and hundreds of civilians.

Hundreds of armed rebels lined the narrow unpaved mountain road leading to the rebel camp, also the birthplace of the MILF in 1978. The road was heavily decorated with green and gold flags and banners.

Murad ended the meeting vowing to continue with the peace process.

"It's the only pragmatic and the best way to resolve the conflict," he said. *Reuters*

CA calls Esperon, Razon in amparo suit

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE TWO TOP OFFICIALS of the police and the military have been directed to appear before the Court of Appeals during the hearing of an amparo petition filed on behalf of discharged Marine [illegible] Lucero, who is being hunted for the Nov. 29 Peninsula Manila hotel siege.

The Court of Appeals' [illegible] Division ordered the Office of the Solicitor General to present in court Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. and Philippine National Police Director General Avelino Razon Jr. [illegible] the petitioners.

The writ was filed by Lucero's wife, Navy Petty Officer 3 [illegible] Lucero and his mother, [illegible] Lucero.

The court directed the Office of the Solicitor General, which stands as the government's official lawyers, to coordinate with Razon and Esperon.

"The request of counsel for petitioners for the ocular examination of two respondents namely PNP Chief Gen. Avelino Razon Jr. and Chief of Staff, AFP Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. is granted," the court said in a March 3 resolution penned by Justice [illegible].

[illegible] and [illegible] had filed for a writ of amparo to compel the government to stop using a process [illegible] of soldiers, including Lucero, who are being hunted in connection with the daylong takeover of the Peninsula hotel.

Terror suspect falls in Boracay

By [illegible] and Christine O. Avendaño

INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES REPORTEDLY swooped down on the resort island of Boracay over the weekend and arrested a fourth suspect in connection with an alleged international terrorist plot to bomb foreign embassies and assassinate prominent personalities.

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. yesterday confirmed the arrest of one Filipino who had been linked to three suspected foreign terrorists—two Jordanians and an Indonesian—rounded up between Feb. 15 and 20 in Manila and Davao.

"They were supposed to bomb some embassies and they were out to take direct actions against top VIPs, probably including the President," Esperon told reporters in Malacañang.

They are believed to be part of a terrorist cell in Manila with links to al-Qaida, the extremist group led by Saudi national Osama bin Laden that claimed the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York in 2001.

The Filipino suspect, said Esperon, had recently returned from abroad and was believed to be involved in running funds for the terrorist operation.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Nothing wrong with PCSO aid, bishops told

By Beverly T. Natividad

Undesirable

RP-China ties intact, says Red party exec

By Norman Bordadora

Meralco rate up on spot market hike

By Abigail L. Ho

CUSTOMERS OF THE MANILA ELECTRIC Co. will have higher electricity bills in March after the utility firm's generation charge

No credit memos

Ecozone locators



SC asked to void cityhood of 16 towns

By Beverly T. Natividad

THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (LCP) has asked the Supreme Court


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RESOLUTION NO. 001-2008
Series of 2008

RESOLUTION DECLARING UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO HER EXCELLENCY, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the **LEAGUE OF VICE GOVERNORS OF THE PHILIPPINES (LVGP)** during its 35th National Assembly, has appropriately discussed the present political crisis besetting the country;

WHEREAS, Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has contributed much to the improvement of the Philippine economy resulting in an unparalleled GNP growth rate of 7.3% in the year 2007, the external debt when she took over in 2001 as president was 68.3% of GNP compared to 36% of GNP today, the foreign debt service was 14.9% of export and tourism receipts and OFW remittances, to 9.45% in 2007, the appreciation of the peso against the US dollar and other currencies are all indicative of a resurging economy;

WHEREAS, the country's economic performance under the presidency of Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo should be sustained, and the LVGP does not and will not support any extra constitutional efforts to unseat the president;

WHEREAS, unprecedented infrastructure projects and national government support services were extended to the provinces thereby alleviating the poverty situation in the countryside;

WHEREAS, any continuing efforts or protest actions would only distract and stifle the efforts for economic growth and momentum that should be the more important goal while letting the courts to resolve and ferret out the truth, thereby enabling the Arroyo administration to continue improving the economic as well as political and social environment, instead of bringing the country to more divisiveness and chaos;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, as the LEAGUE OF VICE GOVERNORS OF THE PHILIPPINES hereby resolves, to DECLARE UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO HER EXCELLENCY, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the LEAGUE OF VICE GOVERNORS OF THE PHILIPPINES encourage all other sectors in Philippine Society to unite behind the efforts to improve the well being and welfare of our beloved Philippines!

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished in particular to HER EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, as her additional source of strength in the performance of her duties and functions to serve our countrymen, the print and broadcast media for widest dissemination to the public at large for their information.

Approved this 7th day of March 2008, at L'Fisher Hotel, Bacolod City, during the League's 15th National Assembly.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

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Vice Governor
Negros Oriental Province
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Ilocos Sur Province
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THE DAILY GOSPEL

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Board of Foreign Service Examinations of the Department of Foreign Affairs announces the holding of the -

FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER (FSO) EXAMINATION

to recruit candidates for appointment to the position of Foreign Service Officer Class IV (FSO IV).

The Examination is composed of three (3) parts which shall be held on the following dates:

Qualifying Test:	4 May 2008
Written Examination:	20, 21 and 22 August 2008
Oral Examination:	3, 4, 5 December 2008

IMPORTANT:

(1) Qualifications:

1. Age Limit - Applicants must be less than thirty-six (36) years of age on 31 December 2008.
2. Education - Applicants must have at least graduated from a four (4) year bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
3. Citizenship - Applicants must be Filipino citizens.

(2) Requirements:

1. Photocopy of transcript of records from college or university diploma or certificate of graduation;
2. Birth Certificate issued by the National Statistics Office, and if appropriate, copy of naturalization papers or Philippine passport;
3. One (1) 2in. x 2in. photograph, four (4) 1in. x 1in. photographs taken within six (6) months before the date of the examination, showing the full frontal view of the face of the applicant;
4. Two (2) 1-1/2 x 2in. black and white or color studio taken photographs, taken within six (6) months before the date of examination, showing the full frontal view of the face of the applicant with a name tag (i.e. Juan M. dela Cruz, Jr.) (photocopied, scanned and digitally enhanced pictures shall not be accepted) ; and
5. Two (2) self-addressed and self-stamped envelopes marked as priority mail.

(3) Deadline:

Completed application forms together with the documentary requirements shall be returned to any of the DFA Regional Consular Offices enumerated below, not later than 4 April 2008, or to the DFA Main Office, not later than 11 April 2008, for evaluation and processing.

(4) Application Forms and relevant information regarding the examination may be downloaded from the Department of Foreign Affairs website (www.dfa.gov.ph). Forms may also be obtained personally or requested through the mail from the following offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs:

DFA Main Office: Board of Foreign Service Examinations, Department of Foreign Affairs, DFA Building, 2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City Tels. (02) 834-3080, 834-3083 Fax (02) 551-5976

DFA RCO Lucena: 2nd Floor, Pacific Mall Lucena, M.L. Tagarao St., Barangay III, Lucena City Tels. (042) 710-4526 Fax (042) 373-1896 Email: [illegible]

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DFA RCO Tuguegarao: Municipal Building, Tuguegarao, Cagayan Valley Tels. (078) 846-4613, 846-3462 Fax (078) 846-2310 Email: [illegible]

Application forms may also be obtained from the Regional Offices of the Civil Service Commission.

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Favila 'first' Cabinet exec to appear at Senate

'Surprise witness' surprises Lacson



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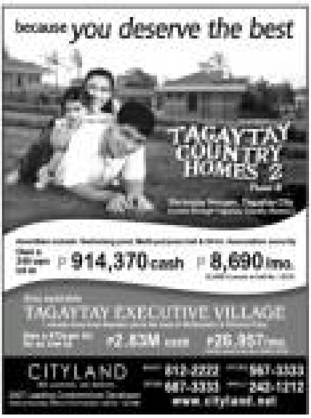




















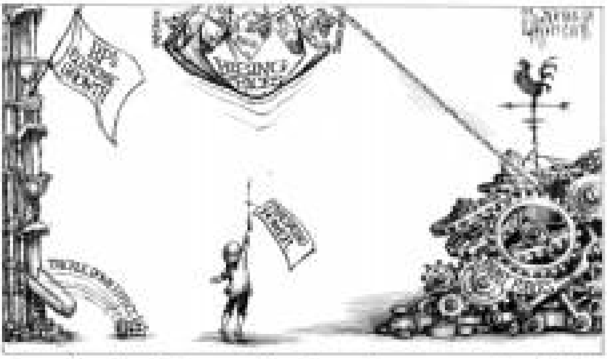


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OPINION

Tightening noose

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Spratlys deal jeopardized territory, security of RP

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Neal H. Cruz

Kiss of death

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Conrado de Quiros

An incendiary cocktail

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Faith and citizenship

At Large



Rina Jimenez-David

Alive only in memory

Looking Back



Ambeth R. Ocampo

TNT babies

Pinoy Kasi



Michael L. Tan

GMA to be remembered for her legacy of lies, deceit

LETTERS

If GMA lasts till 2010

Vague appeal not for relentless search for truth





Coming soon at the Senate: War of wiretap tapes

Gutierrez turns tables ...

Thirst for oil

No pressure

Uncompromised claim

DOJ review

DOE thinking

Don't reveal to public

P1.227-trillion nat'l budget signed into law



HOLD AND SHAKE President Arroyo is a combined grasp of Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya, Senators Edgardo Angara and Juan Ponce Enrile at the signing rites for the General Appropriations Act of 2008 at the Palace. Behind Ms Arroyo is Vice President Noli de Castro.

Top 10

Resignation calls

Ombudsman budget doubled

Three Es

Oil price hits record ...

Poor hit hardest

3.8M more poor

Oil demand

Stronger impact

Speculative investing

‘Worst’ over for President, says Gonzales

‘The end’

Impeachment

‘No more problems’

NBN scrapped but ZTE has 4 other projects in RP

Covered by $4-B loan

Grade-school experiment made him scientist for life

Nature’s wonders

RP biodiversity planet’s richest

Cone snails

Excellent mentor

Role model

Vatican lists new sins, including pollution

Dangerous experiments

Going green

Pope: No to immortality pill

Unwed mothers

Confessing sins

Across the NATION

Invest scam victims still hopeful

LEGAZPI CITY—VICTIMS OF THE ALLEGED BILLION-peso investment scam here were still hoping to recover their investments after the president of the investment firm disappeared with millions of pesos in investors' money and leaving behind dishonored bank checks.

Laguna, Bulacan drivers join strike

3 workers killed in shipyard accidents



CLEARING CATANDUANES

DOH puts Iloilo City under close watch for typhoid

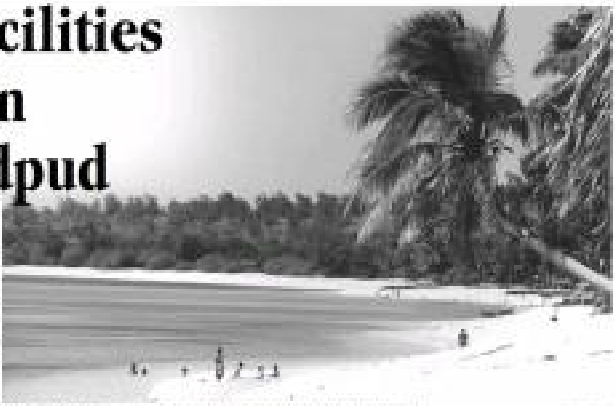
Ibaloi families revive claims against Napocor

IN THE KNOW

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Homestay facilities mushroom in scenic Pagudpud

By Cristina Arzadon
Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte



PAGUDPUD'S best-kept secret: A pristine beach and a stretch of white, soft and powdery sand.

IN 1995, WHEN OFFICIALS OF Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, introduced the idea of opening private homes as alternative accommodations, only Juanita Rapul responded and opened her doors to become the first homestay facility in the seaside village of Saud.

Spillover

In The Know

Business at home



HOMESTAY facilities are available in the villages of Saud, Burayan, Balaoi and Poblacion in Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte.

Unspoiled sights

A big day for these children in lahar-ravaged villages

By Tonette Orejas
Porac, Pampanga

SIX BOYS AND NINE girls, aged 4 to 12, made history on Saturday when they graduated from day care school in Porac, Pampanga.

Shuttling

'Angels'



News

Neri not a golf buddy, says SC justice

"PLAYING A ROUND OF GOLF TOGETHER DOES not make us golfing buddies."

Gordon seeks middle ground in libel proposal

A plus METRO

Back on the road

Transport strike called off with EO out on single ticket system



STRANDED passengers make a beeline for the Light Rail Transit ... station in Caloocan City after drivers of jeepneys and buses went on strike yesterday.

By DJ Yap, Michael Lim Ubac and Riza T. Olchondra

TRANSPORT GROUPS CALLED off a Metro Manila-wide strike before noon yesterday after Malacañang issued Executive Order 712 directing the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority to implement a single ticketing system in the metropolis.

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Mayors against MMDA ticket scheme not convinced

By Julie M. Aurelio

THE STRIKE WHICH ALMOST TOTALLY paralyzed transportation in Metro Manila yesterday did not make mayors in the metropolis opposed to the single traffic ticketing system budge from their position.

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DID YOU KNOW

METRO MANILA had the highest number of registered live births in 2003 (more than 200,000), followed by the Southern Tagalog region (over 200,000). The Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao had the lowest, with about 13,000 newborns. The Philippines had a total of 1.7 million registered live births that year.

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research



Inquiry on UP student council elections ongoing

By Jeannette I. Andrade



TRANSPORT Secretary Leandro Mendoza (second from right, seated), other transport officials and transport group leaders are all smiles after reading Executive Order 712 which was signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo on the eve of yesterday's transport strike. The EO authorizes the implementation of a Metro single-ticketing system.

Mayors against MMDA ticket scheme . . .

Inplace

Slap

Back on the road

1 dead in Parañaque fire

Cops eye inside job angle in bank rob try

By Tina G. Santos

MetroBriefs

Woman injured in tanker blast dies from injuries

Rookie cop in hot water over accidental firing

60-year-old man missing

UP Press Bookstore book sale ongoing

The WORLD

Obama junks joint ticket with Clinton

COLUMBUS, MISS.—BARACK OBAMA ON Monday ridiculed rival Hillary Clinton's repeated hints she would take him for the No. 2 spot on her presidential ticket, accusing her of playing political games in their hard-fought Democratic nominating race.



OBAMA



CLINTON

Thaksin wants to bury hatchet with enemies



FIRST KOREAN ASTRONAUT

New York Gov. Spitzer linked to $1,000-an-hour prostitute



NEW YORK Gov. Eliot Spitzer addresses the media with his wife Silda Wall Spitzer at his office in New York on March 10.

Serbian gov't dissolved, election to come

WORLD BRIEFS

5 US soldiers slain in Iraq

Al-Qaida abducts 2 Austrians

12 killed in Pakistan blast

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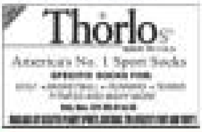
Future plans



INDUCTING officer Sandy Prieto-Romualdez, president and CEO of Philippine Daily Inquirer

'I expect the trend to continue due to the strength of print industry based advertisers like telecommunications, real estate, retail, malls, fashion and beauty products, automotive, banks, airlines, fastfoods and even consumer products'





SPORTS

Editor Teddyvic S. Melendres · Assistant Editor Francis T. J. Ochoa



Odds keep rising for Pacquiao

Marquez: No stopping Filipino ace

By Roy Luarca

HOLLYWOOD—EVEN JUAN Manuel Marquez admits knocking out Manny Pacquiao is a tall order.

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Pacman yields spotlight in LA /A30

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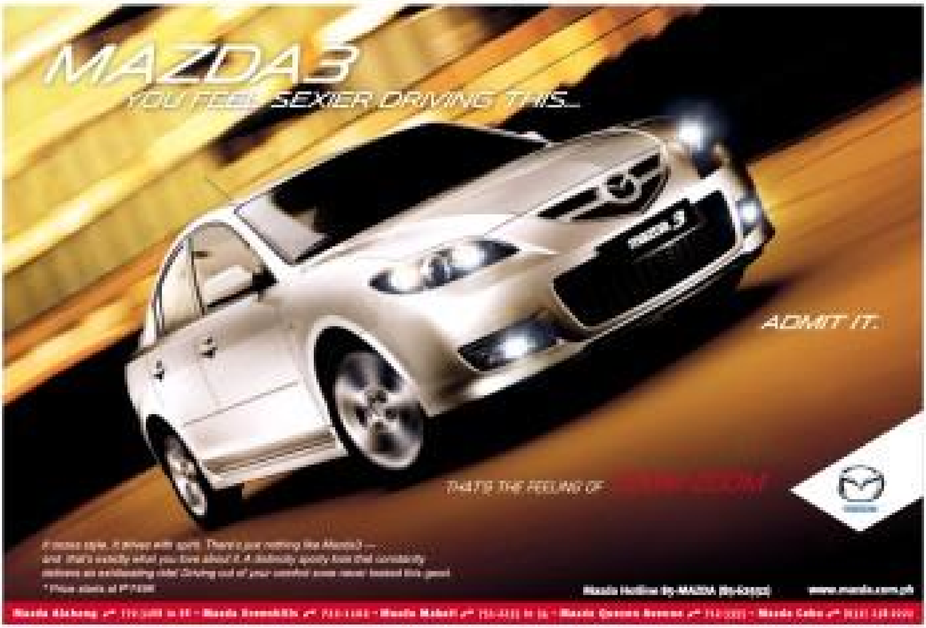
WBC champion Juan Manuel Marquez [illegible] alongside Manny Pacquiao in Monday's press presentation in Los Angeles.













Pharex five raps Hapee; San Mig up



Tuazon rules 2nd bowling qualifying tilt

Young RP shuttlers off to China

Marcelo sweeps Shell karting kickoff



The other rematch: Roach versus Beristain

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Sportswatch

Darts tourneys slated

Big Makati cockfest today

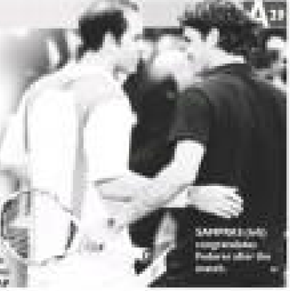
SJC 'Rambulan' Round 2 on

Sportswriter's in-law dies



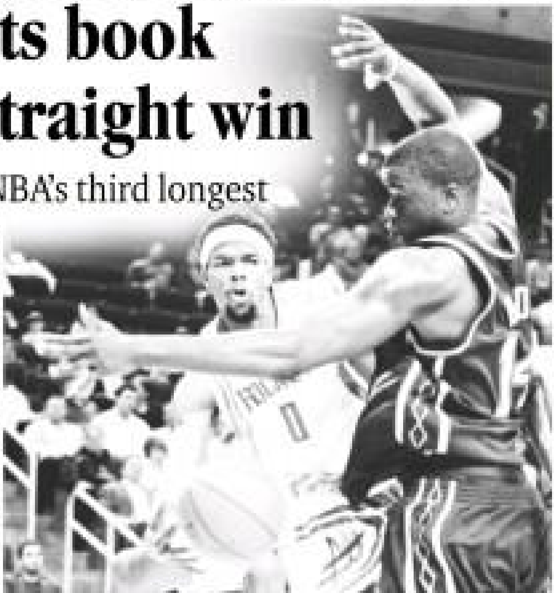
MY TOP CHOICE

Federer beats Sampras, 3-1, but won't say he's the better player



Rockets book 19th straight win

Streak ties NBA's third longest



Knee problem ends Wade's season



NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

English Premier League

Spanish Primera Liga

Beijing says Olympics will be clean, safe



SPORTS

Pacman yields spotlight to Marquez

Choosing to be humble

Marquez in his territory

Three pounds off limit

"Viva Mexico!"



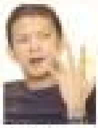
Odds keep rising for Pacquiao

Ticket almost sold out

RP athletes' health benefits approved



Escudero urges DBM to boost Olympic kitty



ESCUDERO

BUSINESS

Exports rose 6.4% in January to $4.24B

Slowing US economy restraining growth

PHILIPPINE EXPORTS ROSE 6.4 PERCENT TO $4.24 billion in January from a year ago as growth in global demand has been restrained by a slowing US economy, the National Statistics Office reported yesterday.

CURRENCIES

STOCK MARKET

Shares close flat

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Gov't to start fundraising for MRT 3 takeover

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First Holdings to issue ₱5B in preferred shares

Repay debt, finance acquisitions

PEP sells stake in GemCom

RP may have tough time sustaining growth in '08

Citi warns of liquidity crunch from global turmoil, political noise

BIR reminds banks of their tax obligations

Exports rose 6.4% ...

Gov't ...

Biggest Power Transformer Manufacturer Visits Meralco







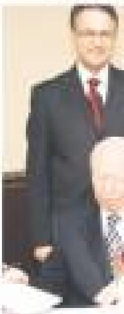


RP plans to tap regional rice reserve

GSIS vs teachers

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Offers short of the required 550,000 tons



Korean agency to open support center

5-yr T-b… peso fal…



BIR seen posting 14% growth in collection in first 2 months

P845-B goal for '08 is 10.3% higher than year-ago level

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MOTORING

Auto sales up amid political noise, Campi says



By Tessa R. Salazar

POLITICIANS CAN MAKE all the noise and mudsling they want. Car buyers are just going to roll up their windows, turn up the volume of their car stereos, and drive quietly away to the relative peace and quiet of their own homes and workplaces.

During the politically charged first quarter of 2008, at least, that's what the auto industry observes as the general attitude of many of its customers. The appetite to buy hasn't been spoiled the least by political volatility.

Unmindful

The recent vehicle sales report prepared by the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. shows the Pinoy car buyer unmindful of the political noise with a continuous double-digit growth trend for the industry during the first two months of 2008.

Campi is composed of the majority of the big car makers and assemblers in the Philippines.

"Continued growth is still expected in the coming months amid political noise tempered by relatively stable economic situation coupled with the strength of the peso," says Elizabeth Lee, Campi president.

Lee, Universal Motors Corp. executive vice president for marketing, said that in the Philippines, the majority of vehicles bought have been commercial vehicles, with popular choices AUVs (Asian utility vehicles), vans and pickups. She explained that such choice of vehicle type "satisfies a need rather than a want. These vehicles have become relatively more of a necessity."

Still, prolonged political uncertainties could eventually take their toll on sales reports in the long run. Lee warned that prolonged political noise could adversely affect business sentiments as a whole. Economic growth (such as high GDP) helps fuel automotive growth, as the two are directly correlated to each other.

Strong sales performance

The Campi report shows car sales performance as of February increased 14.3 percent compared to January and February performances in 2007. Last month, the industry sold 9,472 units.

Mel Dacua, Mitsubishi Philippines' senior vice president for marketing and Campi vice President, surmised that the reasons for the strong growth amid political noise are:

• The market believes the political crisis will be resolved peacefully and the end result will be for the good.

• The industry sales are fueled more by "economic needs" rather than the "feel" and

• Sustained OFW purchases have been a big factor for growth.

> People just won't step out of the showrooms, despite the plea of someone named 'Jun' for someone to step down from her own driver's seat

Don't kill dreams

Toyota Motors Philippines First Vice President for Marketing and Sales Daniel Ida said, "the country has been governed by political circuses in the back as I can recall. We all have lived political realities in varying degrees."

Ida added that "there is now more concern for economic factors like continuing oil price hikes and eroding purchasing power of consumers/Filipino workers."

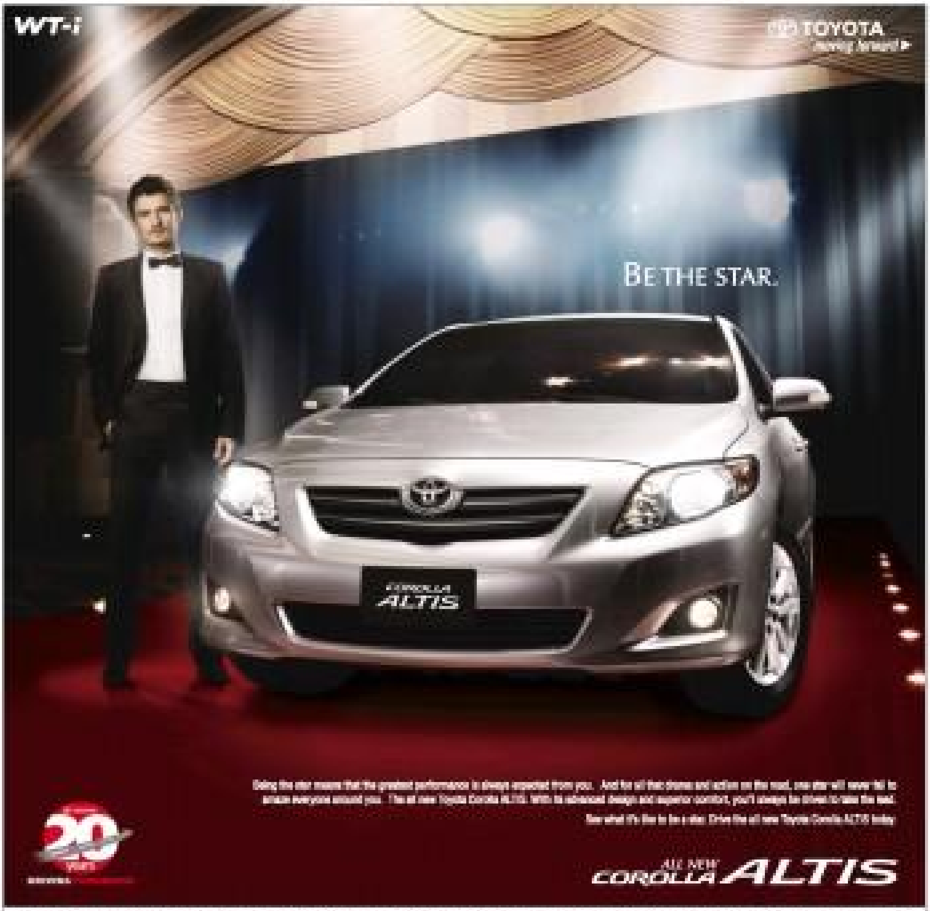
"Notwithstanding, we remain optimistic that the industry will grow, though modestly in the present," he said.

"Politics do not kill dreams and aspirations," Ida quipped.

February reports showed passenger car sales at 3,122 while 6,350 commercial vehicles were sold. CV continues to ensure the market with a 67 percent share, growing at 12 percent while the passenger car segment showed a strong growth of 19 percent.

Lee said the growth for the passenger car market is seen to continue in the coming months.

Campi also credits such market growth to promotional activities of the dealers and the sales of new models introduced last year.



People, Events & Products

Slimmers World Miss Bikini Philippines 2008



ADBOARD ELECTS NEW SET OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS

UP Vanguards to honor Class of 1958

SPaCE program offers Improv Workshop

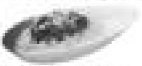
Summer discount at The Little Gym

Oppi's 1st Filipino president



Product Files

Everyday's a celebration with Jollibee Spaghetti



Best dining secret in Makati



GULF AIR, BITE JOIN FORCES AGAIN



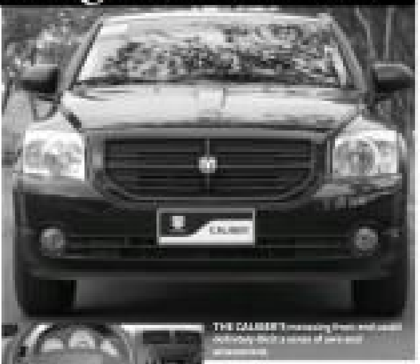
SKYNET TRAVEL AT 15TH PHILIPPINE TRAVEL TOUR EXPO



ABS-CBN INTERACTIVE LAUNCHES LATEST ONLINE GAME CRONOUS



Solid-looking head turner



THE CALIBER'S menacing front end could definitely elicit a sense of awe and amazement.



INSIDE, THE CALIBER offers several amenities not usually found in most premium compact cars including a drink cooler in the glove box.



WITH A HATCHBACK configuration and foldable seats, the Caliber is able to allow more items inside.

Same platform

Premium compact car

Somewhat austere

5 out of 5

Seven minutes in the MX-5

Knows no rival

MY DRIFT



Andre Palma

First noticeable thing

Road feel

MotoScope

Toyota outlines motorsports activities for 2008

Transport group taps Envirofit kit for pollution control

Goodyear named one of '100 Best Corporate Citizens'



MOTORING

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang



THE SECOND-GEN Audi TT is bigger, lighter and faster.



THE COCKPIT has a flat-bottomed steering wheel and controls wrapped around the driver.

Audi's new TToy

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

Stronger

Combining



THE AUDI TT's 2.0-liter TFSI powerplant won the Engine of the Year Awards in 2005 and 2006.



GOLF bags will fit in the trunk if the 50/50 rear seats are folded.

S-Tronic

Race car-inspired

Loaded

LIFESTYLE



Getting ready for the big night

Getting more and more obsessed with the prom or graduation ball? Check out 2bU!'s guide to make your night a bit more special—pretty gowns, interesting accessories, tips to find the right dress and a makeover wish that came true

Picking the right gown

- When choosing a gown for the prom or grad ball, try to find something you can wear again to other gigs. After all, it's not your wedding gown. If you're in high school, keep in mind you'll be in a lot of debuts and formal wear will come in handy. Ball skirts and corsets are practical separates, but if you'd rather stick to a one-piece gown, be sure you can change its look by swapping accessories and with the right makeup.

- Avoid heavy beading that can make your gown heavy and look dated. Stick to light, fluid fabrics that move well with your body as you dance, and fabrics that drape well. Silk, chiffon, satin, and jersey are your best bets.

- Even as you avoid heavy beading, use elegant accents on your gown. An interesting necklace or lace trim can give it individual style.

- Before you buy the gown, try it on and make sure you can breathe in it the whole night. Bend over, sit, move around a bit before buying it. That way, you won't be uncomfortable the whole night. And don't suck in your belly when fitting it in front of the mirror, or you'll only deceive yourself.

- If you can, bring your dress to the salon where you'll have you makeup done, so you can clearly convey the look you want to achieve to your stylist.

- You don't have to coordinate your entire outfit. In fact, matching your shoes and bag with your dress can make you look too contrived. Try contrasting colors and different textures.



WEARING a satin and chiffon gown

All grown up for the prom

Fifteen-year-old Jean Dominique Jaymalin asks for a makeover, and gets one

Text and photos by Bianca Consunji
2bU Correspondent

WHEN 15-YEAR-OLD JEAN Dominique Jaymalin wrote to Inquirer 2bU, asking for a makeover for her high school prom, she didn't know what to expect.

"I just wanted to get help in changing my look for the prom," JD said. "I had no idea what I wanted."

For JD, a junior at the Quezon City Science High School, a makeover was the first step in breaking out of her shy shell. She had never worn makeup or a dressy gown before the makeover, so she was unsure of what look she wanted.

"I just didn't want to look old," she said. "But I wanted to stand out."

Inquirer 2bU got Lanie Aceddillo of Paul and Joe Beauté to do JD's makeup, and Nora Rosas of Capelli Salon Café to fix her hair. For her 'knock-them-dead' prom gown, JD picked out a red satin and chiffon gown from Karimadon, courtesy of owner Josie Go.

"My first consideration in doing JD's makeup was her age," said Lanie. "I didn't want the makeup to overwhelm her features. She still had to look like herself so she wouldn't be self-conscious the whole night, but at the same time, look more special for the prom."

Lanie started the makeover by putting on moisturizing foundation and loose powder to prime JD's complexion. She also plucked JD's eyebrows to get her ready for eyeshadow.

"It's important to groom eyebrows to add definition and shape to any face," Lanie advised.



LANIE Aceddillo works her magic.



VOLUPTUOUS curls for the night



JD BEFORE the makeover



READY for her prom

Lanie then smudged a coal-gray shadow on JD's lids and coated her eyes with black liner on the upper and lower lashes. After curling JD's eyelashes, Lanie dabbed on several coats of black mascara to open up her eyes. Soft pink blush and pale pink lipstick completed the look.

"Since she's wearing a red gown, I wanted the makeup to be fresh and light—not to steal the attention from the gown."

For JD's hairdo, Nora Rosas alternated between hot rollers and a curling iron to create a soft, feminine look. She also teased the top portion of JD's hair to create volume.

The result? A softer, more feminine and slightly grown-up look.

"I got more than I expected from the makeover," JD said. "I had such a great time at the prom afterwards. My friends were surprised! The gown was gorgeous, the makeup was great. I never thought that I'd look the way that I did."

Visit Capelli Salon Cafe at 133 Mother Ignacia Street, Quezon City, tel. 4141728 [illegible]. Call Lanie Aceddillo at 0917-8486859 or visit www.lanieaceddillo.com. Karimadon is available at leading malls nationwide.

Email the author at [illegible]@yahoo.com

Flowing, feminine gowns

Prom time is the best time to dress up like a real woman



MARIAN Rivera is Karimadon's latest endorser





By Bianca Consunji
2bU Correspondent

"THE BEST TIME TO celebrate femininity is often during the prom season," said Josie Go of clothing retail store Karimadon. "During the prom or graduation ball, you want to look and feel your best in a dress that makes you feel like a woman."

Go added: "The dresses should allow you to feel good about yourself—not too stiff. Just the right combination of fun and sexy."

Karimadon recently released a line of flirty, feminine dresses modeled by the brand's new image model, Marian Rivera. Rivera, a self-professed fan of the brand even before she started officially endorsing it, said that she was thrilled to represent Karimadon.

"Even when I wasn't [doing] 'MariMar' yet, I would always go to them for clothing sponsorship because I really like their styles."

The latest collection includes jersey gowns and satin dresses in jewel-toned hues. Accents such as rhinestone clips and chiffon shawls help enhance the dressy feel of the clothes, which can be used for cocktail parties or formal events, depending on the way you accessorize.

"Women should wear more dresses," Go said. "And we'd like to be able to provide a dress for every occasion."



SIMPLE but elegant



FUNKY bangles



DELICATE chain with semiprecious stones

BRIGHT bows



Step out in style

Whether you're wearing a funky printed dress or a classic Grecian-inspired gown, these shoes can help complete your outfit. Classic pumps or metallic sandals are wardrobe staples that can be used with gowns or short dresses.



USE wedges for more casual styles.



THIS style can be worn with anything.



MELISSA shoes for a night of dancing



CLASSIC pumps



BLACK lace adds a touch of elegance.

Add a dose of color

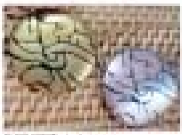
IN "BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S," Holly Golightly, the character played by Audrey Hepburn, said that "Diamonds are tacky on women under 40."

While there's certainly no better way to liven up an outfit than to load up on interesting accessories, expensive gemstones such as diamonds and pearls can look overwhelming on younger women. For the prom or graduation ball, stick to colorful, funky pieces that make you look just your age.

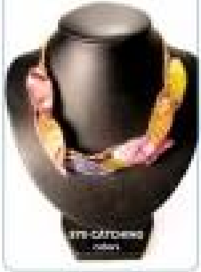
Accessories designer Happy David gives [illegible] an exclusive look at her latest collection from the Happy and Lucy in the Sky, arriving in stores at the end of the month. E-mail info@happyonline.com for more details about the collection.



SIMPLE but sensual



OVERSIZED earrings



EYE-CATCHING colors



colors of Summer
Pineapple Neutrals
a relaxing mix of muted tones and textures at the Men's Wear, Shoes, and Accessories Departments
summer shades
canvas caps
canvas belts
leather wristlets
capri shorts
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We've got it all for you!

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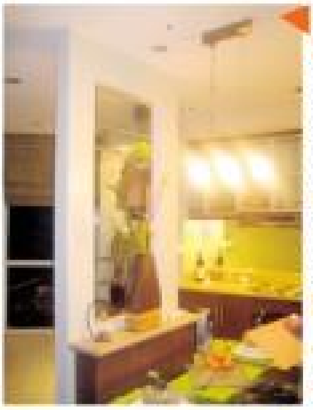


So you want independence



Don't run back to Mom and Dad at the first sight of dirty laundry

Anna Leah Hernandez:



- If your space is small, make double use of your areas and furniture. Your bedroom may also be your living room, your dining room your study room. You can also use an ottoman as a table.
- Ask yourself, will you be doing your own washing or is there a laundromat near your place?
- If you only come home at night and have no real plans of entertaining guests, give priority to your bedroom.
- Use items that are easy to maintain.
- Know your neighbors and neighborhood.



- Your space should reflect your personality and it should be something you would want to come home to.
- You may want to use an accent wall instead of painting all walls.
- Make sure you have room for storage.
- Make sure to invest in security and safety items like fire extinguisher and a good set of locks.
- Canvass before buying anything.
- Make sure you have a relaxing spot in your home. Add an oil burner or a mini waterfalls to your bedroom to help soothe your nerves.





Quick tips to spruce up your space

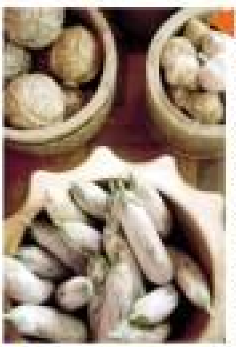
Move into your first apartment with ease

MOVING INTO YOUR FIRST apartment is both exciting and daunting. There are many steps to take and countless decisions to be made. 2BU enlisted the help of two young interior designers, Anna Leah Hernandez and Felice Capicoy, to provide tips for young first-time apartment dwellers.

- Make a list of your must-have appliances.
- Try to use neutral colors for walls and use accessories like pillows, frames and candles to add color. This way, if you get tired of your current scheme, you can easily change the mood by replacing the small items instead of repainting the whole house.



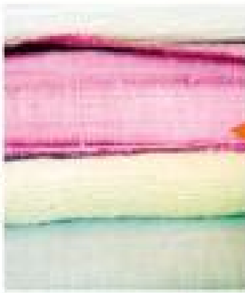
Felice Capicoy:





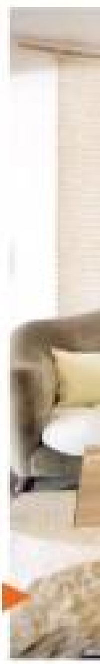
Photos by Ryan Fernandez

- There are a lot of ways you can save by doing things yourself. A good example would be when you are house painting. Buy the materials you need, invite a few friends over and ask them to help you paint. It will cost you a fraction of labor costs plus you'll have fun doing it. You can also try making your own home decor by recycling materials or just by presenting everyday items in a more interesting manner.
- Get the exact dimensions of the place that you are moving into to make sure that the space is utilized to its maximum capacity.
- To avoid clutter, use the two-year rule. If an object hasn't been touched in two years, throw it out.
- Accessorize! Throw pillows and a centerpiece can make a world of a difference when decorating a space. It can add warmth and make your space more inviting.
- Colors play a big part in making a room. For small spaces, use light-tinted colors to make it seem more open and spacious. Bold colors can be good accents. Don't overdo it by painting all your walls in bloody red. Try experimenting by painting one side with a unique color then complement it with a neutral shade.
- Sometimes it's easy to fall victim to following trends. Just because Thers Pilida painted his client's wall with a stripe pattern, don't assume that it will look good on your space. Think of how you will respond to it in a few years' time. Will you still like it five years from now?





- Do not be afraid to ask for professional advice. It won't cost you that much and sometimes it's even free! When looking around for furniture, ask the in-house designer for suggestions in space planning. Before deciding which paint to get, a lot of major hardware chains offer computer-based previews of what that certain shade will look like in a room. Ask for samples that you can take with you like fabric swatches so you can see how it will actually look like in your home.
- Lighting can be, more often than not, overlooked by homeowners when in truth, it can make or break a space. What good is that photograph or artwork if it's illuminated with a fluorescent lamp?
- Mirrors can make a space look bigger. Vertical lines can make your ceiling seem higher. Horizontal lines can make a space look wider.
- To save space, a lot of furniture manufacturers nowadays sell multi-functional pieces like sofas that can turn into day beds or ottomans that can double as storage chests.



Ruby Jubilee of M.H. del Pilar High School Class 1968 set

M.H. DEL PILAR HIGH SCHOOL class of 1968 of Malolos, Bulacan will mark its ruby jubilee, "Pamana at Pagdiriwang," April 19. The celebration will start with the blessing and inauguration of the Hilom Center at 2:00 p.m. at the Sta. Isabel Campus. Hilom, class jubilee project, is a health center for the students, faculty and administrative staff of M.H. del Pilar National High School. The homecoming reunion on the same day starts at 4:30 p.m. at Barcie International in Catmon, Malolos. Call 0918-9905458, 0920-9269934, 0917-8422314 and 0906-2475531. E-mail: [illegible]@gmail.com.

Ateneo book launch, lecture

The Ateneo de Manila University Press is launching "Bukambibig ng Bayan: An E. San Juan Reader" today. The launch will be followed by a lecture by E. San Juan, Jr. on national-ism and language. San Juan is an internationally renowned literary and cultural critic. He was previously a fellow at the Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University and Fulbright professor of American Studies at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. The lecture, sponsored by Kritika Kultura, the English Department's online journal, will also have National Artist Dr. Bienvenido Lumbera as a discussant.

Last Monday, the Ateneo Office of Research and Publications launched "[illegible]: A festschrift for Soledad S. Reyes." Reyes is one of the leading experts on popular culture, Filipino novels, and literary criticism. As early as the '70s, she has been doing research and publishing essays on Philippine literature in Tagalog and English. Some of her acclaimed works are "Ang Nobelang Tagalog, 1905-1975: Tradisyon at Modernismo," "The Romance Mode in Philippine Popular Literature and Other Essays," "Rosario de Guzman Lingat: The Burden of Self and History" and "A Dark Tinge to the World: Selected Essays (1987-2005)."

Loboc Children's Choir concert

The Loboc Children's Choir will have a concert on April 11-13, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at Pola Theater Center, New Manila, QC. Call 7254244 or 4109831 to 33.

Children's camp

[illegible] (Summer Nature and Arts Camp for Kids) and Color Me Mine are offering "High Five—A Magical Adventure on the Five Senses," April 14-25, [illegible] Artists' Community, Rd. 3 (near St. Luke's Medical Center), E. Rodriguez, Quezon City. [illegible] is an initiative of [illegible] Carballo while Color Me Mine is a project of [illegible] Reyes [illegible]. Fee is P9,500 including all materials, lunch and snacks. Discounts for registration on or before March 15 and groups. Call [illegible].

Nature and arts camp

[illegible] Alfonso [illegible] will host beginning April 3 "Creative Factory," a series of weeklong residential workshops, in Baguio City. Classes will cover basic acting and improvisation, dance, hip-hop, ballroom dancing, movement, flamenco, Capoeira, Israeli martial arts, voice, violin and basic robotics. Fee for the Creative Factory program which includes field trips is P[illegible] per participant. Registration and enrollment will be on March 17-31 at the [illegible] Alfonso offices in Manila and Baguio. Call [illegible] or e-mail [illegible]@gmail.com.


WHITE Chinese collar blouse with multi-colored stripes, taupe cargo capri

Dress for success

LIBERTÉ, A PRIVATE LABEL OF Robinsons Department Store, offers a wide array of casual apparel and shoes for the modern working woman. The fresh line of smart office garage strikes a balance between style and comfort.

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Liberté is exclusively available in Robinsons Department Store.


WHITE V-neck top with butterfly print, denim pedal pusher, white leather flats


LIGHT-YELLOW long-sleeve blouse with embroidery on the pocket, white twill skirt

LifeStyle



Bora treats for under P500

How to get more bang for your buck in Boracay













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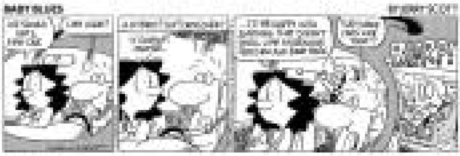
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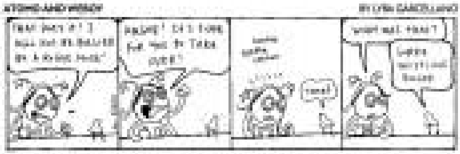
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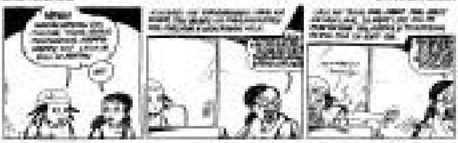
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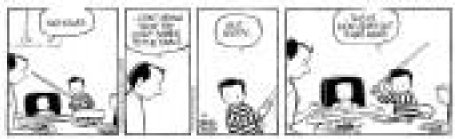
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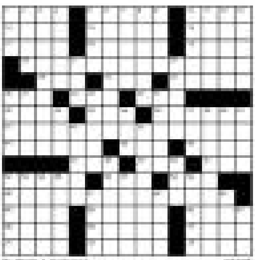
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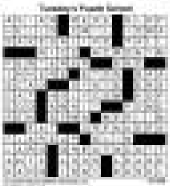
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DAILY CROSSWORD



Today's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

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Conceptis Sudoku

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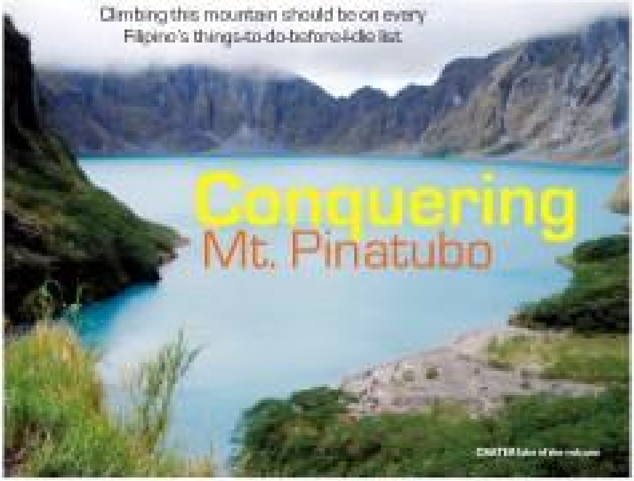
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Climbing this mountain should be on every Filipino's things-to-do-before-I-die list

Conquering Mt. Pinatubo



CRATER lake of the volcano





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SWIMMING in sulfuric waters



RIDING a 4x4 vehicle



A first-time visitor savors the Panagbenga Flower Festival, and more







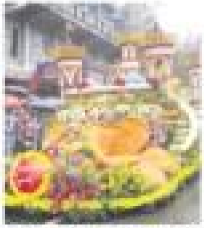
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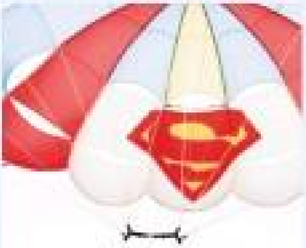






Boracay, take two

We tried one of the newest fun water activities in Bora called reef-walking









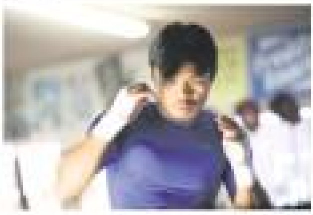
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Superhero deaths and resurrections



By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
2bU Contributor

CAPTAIN AMERICA DIED last year.


DAILY grind


INTENSE workout


ENDLESS energy


CHAMP in action

Training day

His coach swears boxing icon Manny Pacquiao has never trained as hard

After months of training for the much-anticipated March 15 match-up between Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao and Mexican Juan Manuel Marquez, all coach Freddie Roach could say was, "The Marquez camp better be ready."

Pacquiao will take on Marquez for the World Boxing Council Super featherweight crown at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

If Pacquiao wins the 12-round bout, he will create history for being the first Filipino and Asian to win a world boxing championship in three different divisions, following his title victories in the flyweight and super bantamweight categories.

Team Pacquiao is confident of the boxer winning.

Pacquiao has never trained the way he did in the past five weeks. At the height of his training a week ago, Pacquiao went on a 58-minute run, did 16-20 rounds and 2,000 push-ups.

Chief trainer Roach said he has never seen Pacquiao as focused on the task at hand, so disciplined, driven and prepared.

Pacquiao performed his usual speeds-around 2-3-4 jab combinations, capped by hooks and uppercuts.

He practiced going out of the rope maneuvers. He stimulated body level, body attacks and did the three-punch "secret combination," which the world has yet to see.

Although Pacquiao had already done these maneuvers many times, spectators can't help but be curious and awed by the Filipino boxer's passion in his current training. Proof are these exclusive behind-the-scene photos of Pacquiao in full dynamite.

In a few days, the entire nation will once more rally behind its boxing icon as Pacquiao takes on another career milestone.

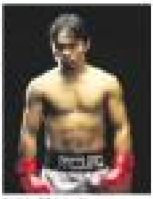
Nike joins the Filipinos in wishing him luck: "Just do it, Manny!"


WITH Freddie Roach



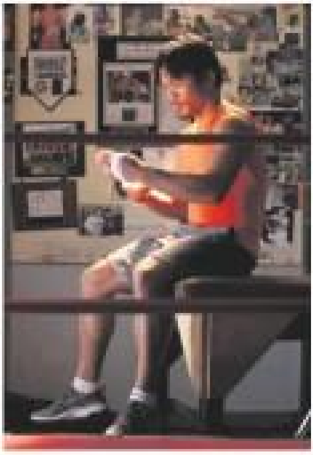

PACQUIAO in full threads


RUNNING man


THE PASSION of Pacman


READY for Marquez


DISCIPLINE and drive




HISTORY in the making all set

Photograph your favorite athlete in action

NIKE AND INQUIRER 2BU call on budding photographers to capture their favorite Nike athletes in training.

Inquirer 2BU gives photographers a once-in-a-lifetime chance to document the training sessions of basketball superstar Jimmy Alapag, triathlete Tivia Dalmagline, football champ Aly Borromeo and tennis player Jessie Agra.

If you're aged between 15-23, send us an e-mail at nikechallenge2008@yahoo.com. Include your name, age, contact details and chosen athlete.

Only five applicants per athlete will be accepted. Deadline for submission is March 20.

Participants will have to create a collage of photos of the one-day training. The participant with the best photo collage of their athlete will win P20,000 worth of Nike products.

Collage is similar to the one of Manny Pacquiao seen here.

Meet more champs

FILIPINO WOMEN ARE SET FOR LARGER POSSIBILITIES IN LIFE. THEY DO NOT JUST SETTLE for whatever comes their way but they tackle what they believe will give them a greater purpose. For example, Mary Rowena and Catherine Untalan have achieved much at a young age.

Autism advocate

Mary Rachel F. Reverente
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I am a member of the UP Los Baños Genetics Society (Genesoc). We hold four tutorials every semester about genetics. We do genetics symposia, quiz contests, and exhibits. We hold an annual Genetics Camp to promote the science of genetics among high-school students.

But there was a time when I thought we should be doing more. It was then that Genesoc got involved in autism.

There's actually no cure for autism yet. I've been aware of this disease since I was very young. Movies about autistic children intrigue me and I've always thought that I would grow up helping them.

I also knew that the first and only public autistic school, Hope Intervention center, is in Calamba City, where I live. It's composed of 47 children diagnosed with autism and some with Down's Syndrome, mental retardation and cerebral palsy. In individualized classrooms one teacher is dedicated to teach one special child.

In Hope Intervention, there are only nine teachers and some volunteers. I wanted to change that, so members of the society took turns in taking care of the children. We named our program, One Gene: One Child: Hope Intervention Outreach.

This year I was given my own committee, One Gene: One Child. The project put up donation boxes and raised small funds for our Jeepney ride.

But I thought we needed to do more and think beyond UPLB. I e-mailed several bookstores, toy stores, publishing houses and several agencies, telling them about the school and asking for donations.

A new public library has been constructed adjacent to Hope Intervention. It will have books about autism and children's literature.

Out of the dozens of e-mails I've written to so many people, a few have answered and offered generous donations. Somebody pledged a benefit concert by the end of this year for our special children.

Everything came as a blessing to us really. We never expected that things would be bigger than ourselves.

Fact was, the children at Hope Intervention Center wouldn't be able to express to us their thanks, they simply couldn't.

But I think that's what's so special about this project—it's really just about helping out.

So I've decided to continue helping special children by becoming a doctor especially for them. Did you know that there are only 38 developmental doctors in the Philippines and only one of them is in Laguna?

Earth advocate

Catherine T. Untalan
Miss Earth Foundation project director
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Joining a beauty pageant is one of the biggest risks I took and one of the greatest experiences I had. Not only did it give me a lot of opportunities and allow me to meet a lot of people, but it also made me stronger as a person and appreciate the special unique beauty God created in each one of us.

I have never regretted not undergoing surgery. I am happy that every day, I will look in the mirror and see my simple ones and almost nonexistent breasts. And I am contented with the way I look.

I finished third in Miss Earth Bikini, the farthest the Philippines has finished since 2001. Wish I could have placed better. But I will always be proud that I was a part of a renowned beauty competition which gives importance to the holistic aspect of a woman. Moreover, it is devoted to upholding the cause for the environment.

Now, I am the executive director of the Miss Earth Foundation, and I handle the different environmental programs and projects of the group.

Since I took charge, we have visited more than 50 schools and communities, talked to more than 50,000 people about global warming, its effects and what we can do about it all.

Aside from Metro Manila, we have brought the campaign to Rizal, Bulacan and Zamboanga through "I Love My Planet Earth" School Tour, which is also the title of the environmental book I wrote with a friend.

The United has recognized my efforts for campaigning for biofuels which are viable alternative fuels for a safer environment. That's the very first time a beauty queen was awarded for that cause.

At the same time, I am taking up my diploma in Environment and Natural Resource Management, which is en route to an MA.

I also continue to partner with different environmental groups and host and organize book drives for Rotary Philippines, which educates people on the environment through alternative means like music and the arts. Hostfighting is also my advocacy and that is the reason why I organize drives wherein I also donate.

I have abandoned my plans to go abroad because I know I should help the Philippines rather than let other countries benefit from my contribution.

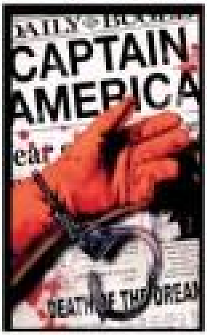
My dream is to create jobs for Filipinos so that they would never have to leave. My dream is to make our country one again.

If you embody the Aim High Pinay attitude, if you want to share your achievements and how you made them all happen against all odds, and want to inspire other women to be the best that they can be, then e-mail us your story at aimhighpinay2bu@gmail.com along with your name, age, address, contact number, occupation and reference.

Modess and Inquirer 2BU will choose the best stories every week for one month. Winning stories will be published in 2BU and winners receive a Modess gift pack.

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Superhero deaths and resurrections



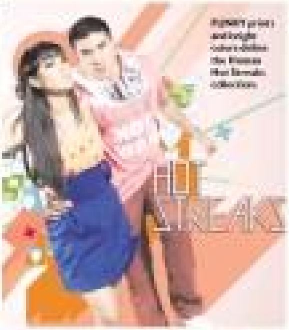
Our favorite comics characters have lived anew, with a renewed sense of purpose

Back in fighting form



Spunky apparel





Mornings shine with Jollibee and Apo Hiking Society



Child at heart, Boboy, Jim and Danny take a break from recording to have fun with Jollibee



Jollibee and Apo Hiking make beautiful music together

Boyish hair for girls, long, layered cut for guys

Look of 2009 summer











IN-TECH, well-maintained salon equipment at Tony & Jackey

Discovering the heart of Italy in the middle of Makati

Pazzo in Rockwell now offers more than just gelato

Password





ASPARAGUS with Prosciutto



AGLIO Olio Pasta with Eggplant Chips

Facelift





New dishes



10 photogs, 1 phone camera



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INSIDE

Ara on Aiko's bare-all: I have no bitterness

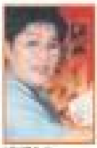


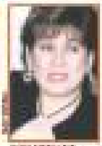
Jomari says the time's right for the two women to meet and make peace

AS FAR AS AIKO MELENDEZ is concerned, Jomari Yllana was the best ... but also the worst; Pops Fernandez the most likable and Ara Mina the least.

Best friends

AIKO H3





Mother Lily says Solis-Rama spat is 'really petty'

The end of innocence

Review

Away and back



But 'The Kite Runner' insists there's hope for the world yet

Metamorphosis

Tillie Moreno here for jazz fest

By Pocholo Concepcion





Tillie Moreno

Home is the 'wailer' from the Circus Band

Born with it



Rapture at the Big Dome

By Pocholo Concepcion

Mayhem and chanting

ENTERTAINMENT

Another int'l award for 'Foster Child'



Fatherhood for Vandolph; Holy Week for Ogie, Jom and Alfred



DOLLY WOOD



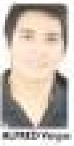
Dolly Anne Carvajal

Not talking

Brazilian connection

Holy Week break

Reality shows



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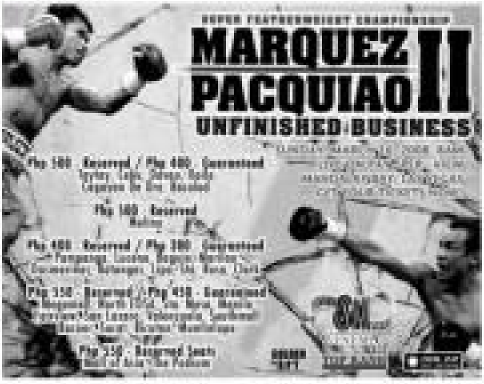






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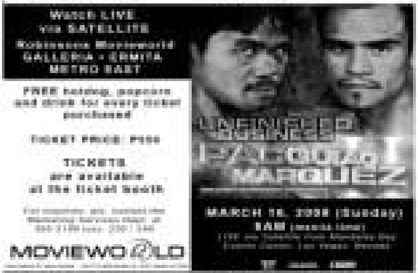
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2 MY BIG LOVE
3 MEET the SPARTANS
4 IN THE NAME of the KING

LIPA

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3 THE MIST
4 THE WATER HORSE

DASMARIÑAS

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2 MY BIG LOVE
3 DRAGON WAR / THE MIST
4 MY BROTHER's WIFE

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4 PRIVATE MOMENTS / MY BROTHER's WIFE

ANGELES

1 10,000 B.C.
2 MY BIG LOVE
3 ASSASSINATION of JESSE JAMES
4 THE MIST

TARLAC

1 10,000 B.C.
2 27 DRESSES
3 THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES / THE WATER HORSE

STARMILLS

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2 MY BIG LOVE	5 3:10 TO YUMA
3 THE MIST	6 JUNO

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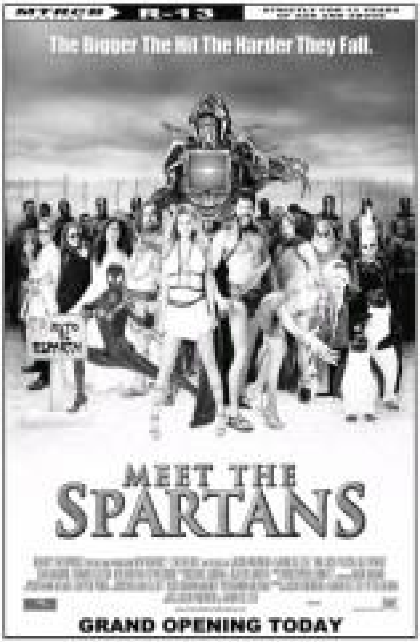
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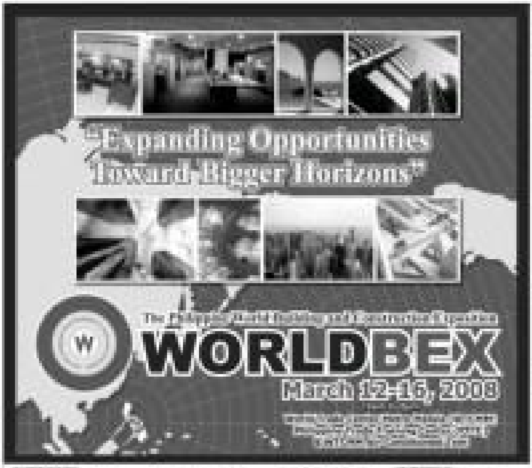
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Naming names: Online 'telenovela' indicts RP 'high' society









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Top of the talk shows

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Jekyll and Hyde

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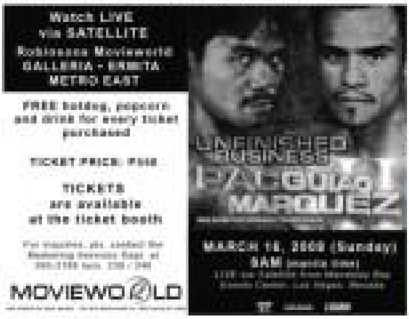
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Careless whispers

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RUSHES





'MONTON' FAMILY DAY





At the Cinemas

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ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 MEET THE SPARTANS	2 STEP UP 2		
	3 10,000 B.C.	4 ATONEMENT	5 MY BIG LOVE	
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 10,000 B.C.	2 THE MIST	3 BUCKET LIST	4 KITE RUNNER
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At the Malls

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Ayala Museum	[illegible]
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